

Pending Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1-9. (canceled)

10. (previously presented) A method for providing channel tracking information to providers, comprising the steps of:
 receiving subscriber and usage information generated at least partially while off-line by at least one client;
 enabling a provider to access a web site using a password protected mechanism;
 and
 displaying subscriber and usage information relating to the provider.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein said subscriber information includes one or more of:
 the number of users that are currently subscribed to a channel[[,]];
 the number of users that subscribe to the a channel via default placement, featured placement, or access from a subscriber's own web site[[,]];
 the number of users who actually use the a channel[[,]]; and
 information regarding the usage of the a channel, ~~trend information, zip codes, email addresses, and home addresses of the subscribers, and the type of devices used by the subscribers.~~

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein said usage information includes one or more of:
 the number of people actively using the a channel; and
 the time period of use of the channel, ~~wherein usage information is characterized according to one or more of geographic location of users, device type of users, and method of access by users.~~

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein said channel tracking information is displayed in ~~the~~ a form of a ~~earned~~ pre-generated report.

14. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein said channel tracking information is displayed in a form defined by the provider.

15-27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented) A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium including control logic stored therein, said control logic enabling channel tracking information to be provided to providers, said control logic comprising:

receiving means for enabling a processor to receive subscriber and usage information generated at least partially while off-line by at least one client;

enabling means for enabling a processor to enable a provider to access a web site using a password protected mechanism; and

displaying means for enabling a processor to display subscriber and usage information relating to the provider.

29. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 28, wherein said subscriber information includes one or more of:

the number of users that are currently subscribed to a channel[[,]];

the number of users that subscribe to ~~the~~ a channel via default placement, featured placement, or access from a subscriber's ~~own~~ web site[[,]];

the number of users who ~~actually~~ use ~~the~~ a channel[[,]]; and

~~information regarding the usage of the a channel, trend information, zip codes, email addresses, and home addresses of the subscribers, and the type of devices used by the subscribers.~~

30. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 28, wherein said usage information includes one or more of:
the number of people actively using ~~the~~ a channel; and
the time period of use of the channel, ~~wherein usage information is characterized according to one or more of geographic location of users, device type of users, and method of access by users.~~

31. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 28, wherein said channel tracking information is displayed in ~~the~~ a form of a ~~earned~~ pre-generated report.

32. (original) The computer program product of claim 28, wherein said channel tracking information is displayed in a form defined by the provider.

33-36. (canceled)

37. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising:
enabling the provider to pay a fee to receive a password to access the password protection mechanism.

38. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 28, further comprising:
second enabling means for enabling a processor to enable the provider to pay a fee to receive a password to access the password protection mechanism.

39. (previously presented) A system that provides channel tracking information to providers, comprising:

a server that maintains a web site that is accessible using a password protected mechanism; and

a storage system that stores channel tracking information relating to providers, wherein the channel tracking information includes subscriber and usage information,

wherein the subscriber and usage information is generated at least partially while off-line by at least one client,

wherein a provider is enabled to display the subscriber and usage information relating to the provider by accessing the password protection mechanism of the web site.

40. (currently amended) The system of claim 39, wherein the subscriber information includes one or more of:

the number of users that are currently subscribed to a channel[[],];

the number of users that subscribe to the a channel via default placement, featured placement, or access from a subscriber's own web site[[],];

the number of users who ~~actually~~ use the a channel[[],]; and

~~information regarding the usage of the a channel, trend information, zip codes, email addresses, and home addresses of the subscribers, and the type of devices used by the subscribers.~~

41. (currently amended) The system of claim 39, wherein the usage information includes one or more of:

the number of people actively using ~~the a~~ channel; and

the time period of use of the channel, ~~wherein usage information is characterized according to one or more of geographic location of users, device type of users, and method of access by users.~~

42. (currently amended) The system of claim 39, wherein the channel tracking information is displayed in ~~the a~~ form of a ~~canned~~ pre-generated report.

43. (previously presented) The system of claim 39, wherein the channel tracking information is displayed in a form defined by the provider.

44. (previously presented) The system of claim 39, wherein the server enables the provider to pay a fee to receive a password to access the password protection mechanism

45. (new) A method for providing channel tracking information to providers, comprising the steps of:

receiving subscriber and usage information generated at least partially while off-line by at least one client;

enabling a provider to access the subscriber and usage information using a password protected mechanism; and

displaying subscriber and usage information relating to the provider.

46. (new) A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium including control logic stored therein, said control logic enabling channel tracking information to be provided to providers, said control logic comprising:

receiving means for enabling a processor to receive subscriber and usage information generated at least partially while off-line by at least one client;

enabling means for enabling a processor to enable a provider to access the subscriber and usage information using a password protected mechanism; and

displaying means for enabling a processor to display subscriber and usage information relating to the provider.

47. (new) A system that provides channel tracking information to providers, comprising:

a storage system that receives and stores subscriber and usage information generated at least partially while off-line by at least one client; and

a server that enables a provider to access the subscriber and usage information from the storage system using a password protected mechanism, and to display the subscriber and usage information relating to the provider.